

Update for Week of 2/3/2014

SEAHAWKS WIN!!!

Last week Mayor Winstead, Deputy Mayor Eggen and Councilmember Roberts, Intergovernmental Relations Manager Scott MacColl and I attended the AWC Legislative Conference and were able to meet with all of the 32nd District Legislative delegation. Although it was clear that the legislature is focused on finding funding for education, all of our legislators engaged in a discussion about the City's priorities regarding the reconciliation of regulations between medical and recreational marijuana, the need for a transportation package, and support for funding mechanisms for affordable housing projects.

Council Meetings

- *February 3*
 - *Regular Meeting*
 - Draft Scoping Comments for Point Wells – Staff is looking for feedback and any additional input from Council regarding the City's comments that will be submitted to Snohomish County. The scoping period goes from February 2 through March 3, 2014. Two public scoping meetings will be held on February 18, with an evening meeting at the Shoreline Center starting at 6:30 p.m. [Here](#) is Snohomish County's official scoping notice.
- *February 8 Council Workshop*
 - Council will hold a Saturday workshop to discuss several issues, including Council operations.
- *February 10*
 - Discussion of Proposed King County Transportation Package (Plan B) for the April ballot
 - Update and demonstration of Surface Water Asset Management Implementation

Federal Legislative Trip

This week Mayor Winstead, Intergovernmental Relations Manager Scott MacColl, and I will be going to Washington D.C. to meet with our Federal Legislative Delegation and Governor Inslee. We leave bright and early Tuesday and return mid-day Thursday. Our focus is sharing the community's vision (Vision 2029) and the related funding priorities. Priorities include: transit and transportation connections ([see the attached 2014 DC Info Sheet](#)); requesting that HUD not make changes in their formula for allocating Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, which could negatively impact the allocation to Shoreline; and asking for support in encouraging Representative Larsen to change his proposed legislation of limiting a portion of the TIGER (Transportation Grants) program from communities with populations of 50,000 or less to communities with populations of 100,000 or less.

Jail Update

Last Friday we received notice from Snohomish County that they will be terminating the City's contract for jail services. As per the contract either party can terminate the contract with 90 days notice, so basically our contract will terminate May 1. Ironically, City staff and police were meeting to discuss review of jail contract options and next steps when we received the notice.

Light Rail Update

The Design Dialogue Workshops consist of 8 small stakeholder group discussions, followed by a community meeting. Below are the invited stakeholder groups.

Wednesday, February 19 – Room 222, City Hall

Group 1- 8:00-9:30 am- Chamber of Commerce and Shoreline business owners

Group 2- 10:00-11:30 am- Environmental Groups

Group 3- noon-1:30 pm- Alternative Transportation Advocates

Group 4- 2:00-3:30 pm- Large Property Owners

Group 5- 4:00-5:30 pm- Youth Ambassadors

Group 6- 6:00-8:00 pm- 185SCC & relevant Neighborhood Association leaders (this meeting will take place in the Council Chambers)

Thursday, February 20- Room 222, City Hall

Group 7- noon-1:30 pm- Affordable Housing Advocates

Group 8- 2:00-3:30 pm- Urban Land Institute TOD & Multi-Family Product Councils

Community Meeting- 6:00-8:00 pm (this meeting will take place in the Council Chambers)

Utilities Update

- We received the dismissal of lawsuit from Ronald Wastewater District. As a result the City Attorney signed the dismissal and the dismissal of the City's counterclaims.
- Ronald has produced updated financial projections based on the work by the District's Accounting Supervisor. These are quite different from the projections that had been distributed at the previous District Board meeting (those projections had been completed by the District's consultants FCSGroup). The updated projections show two alternatives: an annual rate increase of \$1/month for each of the next six years and a \$2 million bond issue. These projections show a positive fund balance over the next six years for the District. Part of the City's transition planning is to understand the District's rate studies/planning and the related long-term financial implications for the utility.

Important Meetings/Contacts

- On Monday, January 27, I met with Ronald Wastewater District General Manager Michael Derrick to discuss the City's Utility Unification and Efficiency Study. It is important to have both Ronald Wastewater and North City Water District (formerly Shoreline Water District) collaboratively participate in the study to make it as thorough as possible. Michael supports this approach and he will be participating with City staff in a meeting on February 6 to discuss operational organization structure. I also asked him to start working with me to develop a proposed transition plan for assumption that we could share with the RWD Commissioners and the City Council at a joint Dinner Meeting in April.

This & That

- Mayor Winstead, along with many other mayors, signed a [letter](#) to the State's Senate Leadership regarding the importance of a state transportation package.
- [Currents survey!](#) We need your input. For over 13 years, the City has been publishing Currents. In that time, Currents has proven to be a valuable resource for information about the City. In fact, the results of the City's 2012 Citizen Satisfaction Survey showed that 92% of residents get information about City issues, services, and events from Currents and 78% say they are satisfied with the quality of Currents. However, in an effort to ensure we are providing the best and most relevant information, we are asking residents to complete a brief survey and provide valuable feedback. We

want to know what you like and don't like about Currents and what you may want to see done differently.